

URBAN DISTRICT OF SHERBORNE.ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT, 1943.

POPULATION - 1943 end of 6,710 (Estimated).

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
LIVE BIRTHS	- Legitimate	89	43	46
	Illegitimate	8	4	4
	Total	97	47	50
STILL BIRTHS	- Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of resident population 14.4 (England and Wales 16.5)

DEATHS - Males 31 - Females 31 - Total 62.

There were 8 deaths from Cancer and 19 from diseases of the heart.
 DEATH RATE per 1,000 resident population 9.19 (England and Wales 12.1)
 Number of Women dying in consequence of childbirth - None.

DEATH from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea (Under 2 years) - None.

There has been no case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS - There is nothing to note save a mild epidemic of measles and an outbreak of Sonne Dysentery in one of the School Boarding houses.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

These are all functioning normally, and there is nothing to note.

During the year a fair number of school children have been immunised against Diphtheria and about 80% - 85% of the Elementary School Children have now been protected. There has been some falling off in the numbers immunised this year, especially in those under 5.

All that can be done is being done to protect the children of 1 to 5 years and from 85% to 90% are now protected.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER - The supply is ample and pure, all is chlorinated and filtered. Analyses are made frequently and are generally satisfactory. These are made before chlorination. Samples are taken very frequently to test the chlorine content.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE ETC.

All the Sanitary Services are being carefully supervised and are working well.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES - Cases Notified:-

8 Scarlet Fever,
 0 Diphtheria,
 29 Measles,
 13 Pneumonia,
 2 Puerperal Pyrexia,
 2 Tuberculosis of lung - 1 death.

MILK SUPPLY

Constant efforts are being made to ensure that this is pure and clean. Samples are taken more frequently than in pre-war times and appropriate action is taken when necessary. A greater proportion of the supply is being pasteurised. The milk supply may be considered to be reasonably clean in all the circumstances.

The general health of the Town is good as shown by the vital statistics. There is no evidence of lack of nutrition and the children bear all the appearances of being adequately fed and clothed.

It would appear that the children of this district are benefiting from their dinner at the British Restaurant.

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